

BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
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Periodicals Classification Change: Docket MC99-3

Notice of Intervention  
by the  
Coalition of Religious Press Associations (CRPA)

and

Motion for Late Acceptance

**COALITION OF RELIGIOUS PRESS ASSOCIATIONS**

American Jewish Press Association  
Associated Church Press  
Catholic Press Association  
Episcopal Communicators  
Evangelical Press Association  
General Commission on Communication, United Methodist Church  
Seventh-day Adventist Publishers  
Southern Baptist Press Association

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The Coalition of Religious Press Associations (CRPA) hereby indicates its intention to intervene in the above-named proceeding in accordance with 39 U.S.C. section 3624 and section 20 of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

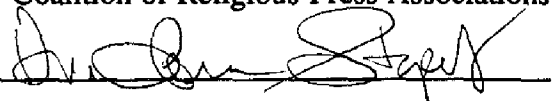
Members of the Coalition include many publications which are affected by the rate anomaly described in the Postal Service's filing of April 9, 1999. CRPA welcomes the Postal Service's move to correct the anomaly but believes that two attendant issues must be addressed in the proceeding. Those two issues are (1) the date from which refunds for excess postage are to be calculated and (2) the use of commercial postage rates for nonprofit mailers.

Specifically, CRPA believes that refunds for excess postage should be calculated from the date on which the R97-1 rates were implemented. And CRPA believes that nonprofit postal rates should be less than the corresponding commercial-postage rates (rather than matching the commercial rates).

CRPA requests a hearing and anticipates being an active participant in this proceeding.

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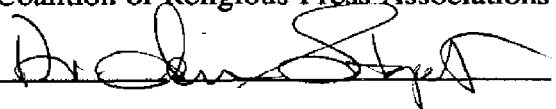
The Coalition of Religious Press Associations (CRPA) hereby moves for late acceptance of its Notice of Intervention.

The Notice and Order on Request for Recommended Decision on Periodicals Classification Change arrived at CRPA's address in Phoenix, Arizona, one day prior to the annual convention of the Associated Church Press, in which Dr. Stapert was involved. Following that convention, several days were required to confer with appropriate executives of the several associations which comprise CRPA.

CRPA therefore prays for the acceptance of this notice, filed one day late.

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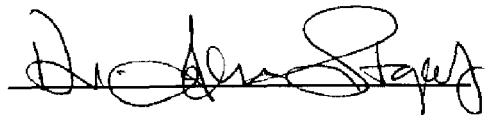
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document on all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.



Dr. John Stapert

April 28, 1999